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NATIONAL HOME DEMONSTRATION WEEK*

The Skit and Chorus Popular at County and Community Meetings //

Most of the skits presented during National Home Demonstration Week in 1950 were originals written by women belonging to home demonstration groups. Real talent had a chance for expression. The skits or playlets featured different phases of home demonstration work.

County home demonstration choruses were organized to take part in special meetings during the week, or those already organized added new members and rehearsed in preparation for special events.

Arkansas

Original skits and playlets featuring different phases of the home demonstration program were put on at home demonstration club meetings.

Arizona

Some of the women belonging to homemakers' clubs displayed talent in writing and staging original skits on home demonstration work.

California

Short original skits portraying different phases of the home demonstration program were put on at county-wide Home Demonstration Days by home demonstration groups. The titles of some of the skits were:

Lighting the Birthday Cake
Counting Eggs
As We Were
How Women Dress Around the World
The Story of Home Demonstration Work

Delaware

At meetings during the week, changes in homemaking over the past 35 years and how home demonstration work has helped to bring about changes were dramatized in skits. The Home Demonstration Picture Album was another original skit put on during the week.

Massachusetts

A radio skit on home demonstration work was broadcast in one county.

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Mississippi

A skit entitled "The Case of the Kitchen" was the result of a study or survey of 484 kitchens in the east-central district of Mississippi. It was staged at a number of meetings.

Nebraska

A radio skit was broadcast over several stations.

North Dakota

"The United States Settles a Dispute" was the title of a playlet put on by school children at a county-wide Homemakers' Day. A skit in verse and song telling about North Dakota was given by home demonstration club members at county-wide meetings.

Ohio

The following skits were staged at meetings:

Mrs. You and I Entertain Homemakers
Our Upholstery Daze
Busy B's

Oklahoma

Hopeful Headlines and It Will Come Out in the Wash were original skits enjoyed at meetings.

Oregon

Different phases of home demonstration work were featured by skits at the Homemakers' Festivals. Silhouette of the Past was one of the popular skits.

Pennsylvania

Two lawyers in one of the counties were generous of their time and put on a skit featuring the making of a will. They then answered many questions raised by the women at the meetings.

Vermont

Radio skits were broadcast over several radio stations.

West Virginia

Some time before National Home Demonstration Week, a skit-writing contest gave the home demonstration clubwomen a chance to try out their skill in writing a short play or skit. The purpose was to tell the public or those not familiar with home demonstration work, what it is, what it does, and

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the benefits families receive from it. In the counties at evening meetings, the skit judged best in the county was presented. The skit judged best for the State was presented at the Farm Women's Leadership Training Conference. Twenty-seven counties entered the State contest. Values of Home Demonstration Work and As the Men See It were two of the best skits.

The Home Demonstration Chorus

In Ohio, Nebraska, North Dakota, and Washington, county home demonstration choruses sang at special county meetings during the week.

In Kansas county home demonstration choruses took part in radio programs as well as at meetings.

Musical programs with the theme Music Through the Years were put on at the district meetings of the North Carolina Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs. South Carolina home demonstration groups conducted music festivals.

The Hampden County, Mass., Homemakers' Chorus took part in the Original Amateur Hour, N.B.C. network, broadcasting from New York. This was an honor appreciated by all county home demonstration choruses throughout the country.



